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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AGREEMENT: LETTER FROM
U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

EQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER FROM TILA MARIA
E HANCOCK OF HUD, NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING
GREEMENT, TO TARENTIEV OF GOSSTROY. ORIGINAL BEING AIR
OUCHED TO EMBASSY.

DEAR MR. TARENTIEV: I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY SECRETARY
HARRISTO ASSUME THE POSITION OF U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
FOR THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION AGREE

MENT AS PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS ASSISTANT TO THE
SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. I LOOK FORWARD TO
WORKING WITH YOU TO ASSURE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS FOR
BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

"YOU WILL HAVE HEARD THROUGH OUR EMBASSY THAT SECRETARY
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HARRIS HAS AGREED TO THE SEPTEMBER 19-29 DATES FOR THE
MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN MOSCOW. WE ARE PROCEEDING
WITH OUR PREPARATIONS. AS YOU DISCUSSED WITH DOUGLAS
FREEMAN IN MOSCOW LAST MONTH, PART OF THIS PREPARATORY
PROCESS WILL REQUIRE EACH JOINT WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT A
REPORT (A) ASSESSING THE WORK IT HAS ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE
AND (B) PROPOSING ANY NEW WORK INITIATIVES OR REORGANIZATION

IT MAY WISH TO SUBMIT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE. WE AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL THAT THE SOVIET CHAIRMEN OF GROUPS 10.01, 10.03 AND 10.05 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRST DRAFT REPORT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS, AND THAT THE U.S. CHAIRMEN DO LIKE-WISE FOR GROUPS 10.02, 10.04 AND 10.06. THESE DRAFT REPORTS SHOULD THEN BE EXCHANGED BY JULY 8 TO ALLOW THE OTHER SIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND THE FINAL DRAFTS SHOULD BE READY BY JULY 29. I RECOMMEND THAT THE DRAFT REPORTS BE TRANSMITTED VIA THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, BY CABLE IF NECESSARY.

"I ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOUR AND MR. BORUNOV'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST, PERHAPS 9-16 RATHER THAN IN JULY. THIS SHOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR COMPLETION AND EXCHANGE OF THE WORKING GROUP FINAL REPORTS AND FOR US TO REVIEW AND RECONCILE ANY DIFFERENCES. ALSO, AN AUGUST MEETING WOULD GIVE US A CHANCE TO HANDLE LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION.

"I WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OR ON ANY OTHER SUBJECTS RELATED TO THE AGREEMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN WASHINGTON. SINCERELY, TILA MARIA DE HANCOCK, U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY." VANCE

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